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Colorado is home to the largest elk population in the United States and the world. That fact along with the breathtaking landscapes, peaceful rivers, and unmatched views makes Colorado one of the best places to chase elk.

Now, wait until you hunt the big elk on this 2800 acre private ranch in GMU0521. You will be hunting the edge of the famous Grand Mesa, and the Gunnison National Forest, known for its abundant wildlife with elk being primary followed by Mule Deer then Black Bear. It comes out to about 640 acres or 1 square mile for each lodge and all the BLM or National Forest that they want to hunt. There are no fences to break up the square miles as with the elk traveling through you can hunt anywhere on the ranch if you wish just would try not to encroach on anyone's lodge. As a rule, you won't they don't average more than 4 per lodge when fully booked, and seldom are all 4 private lodges filled.

This ranch is made to attract elk and to do so naturally. The ranch perimeter is posted to keep anyone seeing the abundance of Game from entering the ranch property. We don't allow trespassers in and our high success hunting ranch. The ranch has a high population of local elk, but the adjacent National Forest and BLM also have good elk numbers. The reason these adjacent areas is because there is only 1 road in each area of thousands of areas. There are no ATVs allowed because it is a key item that will move the elk off the private land any in hiding where from years and year, they know they can get away from hunters. Town is only a dozen or so miles away so if you forget something it is just a quick trip from your hidden hideaway to civilization to get your needs.

Your Lodge has an exterior of that of a large log lodge with large timber making up the outer walls as though it was built by Jeremiah Johnson out of timbers that we taken out of the forest all around you and worked by hand down to the finished product to keep the cold night out and the warm and cozy inhabitants(you) in and enjoying a fire in the fire place sipping coco and telling hunting stories through out the evening awaiting for bed time to com and the required sleep to you can wake up early and be bright eyed and bushy tailed for your morning hunt in this prime hunting area.

This is a unique area to hunt. It has been designed so that the elk do have place to hide so that they can feel safe in the area even when they are being hunted. Most private ranch hunts have unlimited access with vehicles everywhere. In this case they are 4 wheel drive truck friendly but there are always places that you will need to walk to. That is why even if you bump the elk, they won't go very far in fact they may just circle back and slip back into the places where they were previously.

In addition, with only 1 road into the BLM or National Forest properties there are always elk that are pushed from other areas into this area because of the known safety. This is an elite hunting area with deluxe lodges that are as far from rustic as you can get. The lodge has a furnace, running interior water, shower and toilets. No going out to the outhouse at 2 am and later finding because of the cold you are stuck to the toilet seat. There is a full kitchen with everything except for what you want to eat. You need to bring a sleeping bag, a rifle and your license, everything else is mostly furnished.

Non-Hunting guests are welcome at half price. These are actual houses that can be lived in 12 months out of the year. The lodge is part of 4 lodges on 2800 acres or which is 4 one mile pieces interconnected

and flowing out into the National Forest. Most of the hunting is done on the 2,800 acres but then again you have thousands of acres in every direction that you can hunt and find elk. The BLM and National Forest are difficult for others to access and every attempt that they make just pushes more elk into the perimeter National Forest and BLM land, but mostly into the ranch areas

Elk move through the ranch all year except in December, January and February, but of course that can be trimmed back or expanded depending on the snow pack. The average bulls are larger than in most locations because of the road design and the local elk and migrating elk always able to find safety close by.

On this ranch we have found that those safety areas are required to keep in an area or they will go where ever they feel safe. If there is 2 mountains away you can blow the elk out of reach of the hunters and they are then gone for days or for the season.

September Archers and Muzzleloader hunters enjoy greeting the rutting 900 pound bulls with their primitive or range restricted weapons and putting the bull in as an offensive move to retrieve his cow that the imitation bull has slipped out of the herd bulls harem. Coming with fire in his tone of voice or of a bugle he approaches with loud bugles and tearing into the forest, brush and even the ground to make the false bull flee and he can take the cow that is rightfully his back to re-join his harem. Many eastern hunters relate this as calling in an angry 900 Tom Turkey with a chip on his 6 foot high shoulder.

This adventure is something that you will remember for the rest of your life, and hopefully so will the bull for the rest of his short life.

In October "the gloves come" on and the high power rifles come out. The first season beginning in Mid-October. The first season many times will catch the end of the rut where bulls will answer back to a bugle but not come to you, They are giving you a chance to locate them so you must be ready to move on them because even though they were there when they bugled they may be walking and a bull can cover a lot of ground with their long gaited walk.

The second and 3<sup>rd</sup> seasons have bull licenses over the counter and drawing and left over cow licenses. Elk are migrating which put them on the move with the possibility of bulls and cows in separate herds.

For elk it is not uncommon for them to go 2 mile down hill one day, just to go 5 miles back up hill the next day. Migration is movement but they may have 3 month do go 50 miles so during the migration elk always put safety as number 1 as they migrate past hunting humans to their winter destination.

The 4<sup>th</sup> season depending on the snow level can be great or poor. Deep snow can have the elk below you but remember the biggest bulls migrate last and can handle much more snow than the coves with the cows so you could have elk above and below you. The best part is you have snow to record movement of all animals and if you are good at reading tracks in the snow then hunting snow can be the highest success time for the whole season. The snow tells all!

At about 8,000 to 9,200 feet in altitude it is good to get there a day early to get your breathing down. In most cases 8,000 feet has a minimal effect for most hunters.

Hunting has been good for Mule Deer but while the elk quickly multiply the deer are very slow to multiply so the numbers are not extremely impressive. The area is better habitat for elk than it is for

deer so you won't see many mule deer but when we see one, they are good bucks. You can hunt with both tags in your pocket or a bull and a cow or a bear if you wish.

**Pricing**

Pricing is quite simple. These deluxe Lodges and large amounts of private ranch land are \$ 3995 per person. We have worked with the owner to be able to have one of the 4 Lodges just for our clients. In doing so he has allowed us to provide the at a much reduced price for our clients.

- 3 hunters from \$ 3995 down to only..... \$2595
- 4 hunters from \$ 3995 down to only..... \$2495
- 5 hunters from \$ 3995 down to only..... \$2395
- 6 hunters or more from \$ 3995 down to only..... \$2295

Non-Hunting guests are welcome and are outside the hunter count above.

The non-hunting guests are \$ 2000 discounted down to only..... \$ 995

Archer, Muzzleloader, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> seasons are 6 day hunts.

The 1<sup>st</sup> rifle and 4<sup>th</sup> season are only 5 days long.

You are welcome to come in a day before your hunt begins and must leave the day after the hunt if you have not filled your tags earlier and of course at that point you can leave while the season/hunt is still in progress if you wish.

You can have multiple licenses in your pocket while hunting to allow you to shoot a bull elk, a cow elk or a buck Mule Deer or a Black Bear. Those hunting Bear are advised that by the 2<sup>nd</sup> season all bears are in hibernation. During muzzleloader season you can hunt elk with a muzzleloader but a bear with a high power rifle so keep both close. You can shoot the bear with a muzzleloader also.

Bear Hunting in Colorado is known as fair chase, no Bait or aromas can be used to attract bear. Please see the Colorado Parks and Wildlife regulations for the details of any of your hunting information.

When booking all deposits of 50% are due at booking. The balance of the payment is due 45 days prior to your hunt.

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